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The Honorable William H. Webster  
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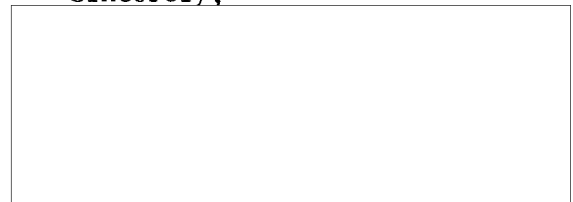
Dear Director Webster:

Pursuant to your request, I have completed a review of the Central Intelligence Agency's role in connection with the U.S. Government's sale of missiles and missile spare parts to the Government of Iran and in connection with the U.S. Government's assistance to the Nicaraguan Resistance. The conclusions of my review are set forth in the enclosed "Report of the Special Counsel to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Concerning the Iran-Contra Matter." The Report is based on a review of the record developed by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the Tower Commission, the Iran-Contra Committees, and the Agency's Inspector General. Except where necessary to resolve specific questions, I have relied on that record and have not conducted additional interviews of Agency personnel.

The Special Counsel's Report describes improper activities on the part of several Agency personnel. The evidence in the record, however, does not suggest that the overwhelming majority of Agency employees acted in anything other than a proper manner. The Report also describes a number of remedial measures that the Agency has taken to strengthen the procedures under which covert actions and other Agency activities are conducted.

It has been my pleasure to serve in this manner. I have enjoyed my assignment and trust that the Report is responsive to your request at the time you appointed me to this position.

Sincerely,



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